

MINUTES OF THE  
MISSISSIPPI CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BOARD  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, at the office of the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board located at 239 N. Lamar Street Suite 207, Jackson, Mississippi. In attendance were:

Krystal Cormack, Chair  
Johnny Franklin, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Karen Elam  
Johnny Franklin  
Dr. Carey Wright  
Mr. Chris Wilson

Executive Director Marian Schutte also participated in the meeting.

Board Chair Krystal Cormack called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was previously circulated to all Board members for review.

**Chair Cormack requested a motion adopt the agenda, as presented.**

**MOTION: Mr. Cardin**

**SECOND: Dr. Elam**

**There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.**

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Meeting

The Minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were previously distributed to the Board members for review. Mr. Cardin noted a correction to the minutes regarding item VI. D. in order for the minutes to read "Chair Cardin recused himself from the vote and he left the room."

**Chair Cormack requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting, as amended.**

**MOTION: Dr. Wright**

**SECOND: Mr. Cardin**

**There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.**

#### ITEM III. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Cormack thanked board members for their willingness to serve regarding Committee leadership. The board will consider Committee membership and leadership during new business today.

#### ITEM IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Schutte welcomed board members and the public to the Authorizer Board's new office space where the Authorizer Board hopes to hold all future meetings.

Next, Ms. Schutte offered a hiring update for the Deputy Director position. She stated that she is continuing to conduct interviews with prospective candidates and will continue to update the Authorizer Board with information as it becomes available.

Next, she added that the NACSA annual conference is coming up on October 24-27 in Atlanta. That conference will be center around authorizing practices and she strongly encouraged any Board members who wished to attend to please do so.

Next, she updated the board on I CAN SCHOOLS. Ms. Schutte contacted them regarding the board's decision at the September board meeting. They were thankful for the communication with the Authorizer Board. Mr. Cardin asked if the Authorizer Board had sent them the board's resolution, which Ms. Schutte confirmed that they had.

Finally, she updated board members on the Charter Schools Program grant. The Mississippi Department of Education was not one of the six state education agencies selected for the grant. Collegiate Academies, a previous applicant, did receive a charter schools program grant for replication and expansion and included Jackson, Mississippi in that proposal. InspireNOLA, a previous letter of intent submitter, also received a replication and expansion grant.

#### ITEM V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. Applications Committee

Chair Cormack shared that there was no report at this time.

##### B. Performance and Accountability Committee

Ms. Schutte stated that there was no report at this time.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 Board Meeting Calendar

Ms. Schutte presented the 2017 Board Meeting Calendar. The calendar includes all dates for regular board meetings. Meetings typically fall on the first Monday of each month unless that Monday is a holiday or is close to a holiday. If so, the board meeting is then pushed back to the second Monday of the month. Mr. Franklin requested that the retreat and board meeting in January 2017 be held in Starkville, Mississippi.

**Chair Cormack requested a motion to approve the 2017 Board Meeting Calendar.**

**MOTION: Dr. Elam**

**SECOND: Mr. Franklin**

**There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.**

B. Board Committee Structure

Chair Cormack nominated Mr. Wilson to chair the Performance and Accountability Committee with Mr. Cardin and Dr. Wright as members.

**Chair Cormack requested a motion to nominate Mr. Wilson as Chair of the Performance and Accountability Committee and Mr. Cardin and Dr. Wright as members of the Performance and Accountability Committee.**

**MOTION: Dr. Elam**

**SECOND: Dr. Wright**

**There being no discussion and a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.**

Chair Cormack nominated Dr. Elam to chair the Applications Committee with Mr. Franklin and the future appointed board member as members.

**Chair Cormack requested a motion to nominate Dr. Elam as Chair of the Applications Committee and Mr. Franklin and a future board member as members of the Applications Committee.**

**MOTION: Dr. Wright**

**SECOND: Mr. Cardin**

**There being no discussion and a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.**

C. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Cardin recused himself from the vote and left the room. Ms. Schutte presented invoices for travel and Cornerstone Consulting.

**Chair Cormack requested a motion to approve the invoices for travel and Cornerstone Consulting.**

**MOTION: Dr. Wright**

**SECOND: Dr. Elam**

**There being no further discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.**

ITEM VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board will be held on December 5, 2016 in Jackson, MS.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

**Chair Cormack requested a motion to adjourn.**

**MOTION: Mr. Cardin**

**SECOND: Dr. Elam**

**There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.**

ADOPTED, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
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Krystal Cormack, Chair